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### **O.C. TANNER RECOGNIZED AS AN AME 2016 EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENT**

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. – Sept. 15, 2016 – The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is pleased to name O.C. Tanner as a recipient of the AME 2016 Excellence Award, which primarily recognizes North American manufacturing facilities that have demonstrated excellence in business and manufacturing. An AME representative will visit O.C. Tanner headquarters on Sept. 22 to present the award, and the company will also be honored at the AME 2016 International Conference, taking place Oct. 24-28 in Dallas, Texas.

The AME Excellence Award acknowledges continuous improvement, best practices, creativity and innovation. The rigorous selection process begins when a company submits an extensive achievement report based on the AME Excellence Award evaluation criteria. Achievement reports are evaluated by the AME award assessment team. For companies that score high enough in this achievement report review, an intensive site visit is completed, during which a volunteer team of manufacturing practitioners validates the submitted achievement report. Recipients of the Excellence Award are selected based on the combined results of the achievement report review and site visit feedback.

“We are very proud to be recognized with a 2016 AME Excellence Award. Our association with this amazing organization is important to us and we’re honored to be selected for our work,” said O.C. Tanner Executive Vice President, Supply Chain and Production Gary Peterson. “This award really is a nod to our team members and the way they strive daily to improve our operations.”

During their evaluation, the AME assessment team highlighted O.C. Tanner’s culture, which respects people and goes out of its way to recognize and celebrate team members’ contributions to the organization. Its leaders embrace their responsibility to regularly coach, develop and encourage team members. O.C. Tanner has a very strong visual training system which, combined with the organization’s commitment to cross training, creates impressive flexibility among its workforce. The assessors also praised the facility’s strong policy deployment framework with a defined six-month product development cycle. The team commended O.C. Tanner’s impressive short lead times in a build-to-order, highly customized/high-mix environment while sustaining good inventory.

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“O.C. Tanner’s leadership and employees should be very proud of the site’s enterprise excellence and continuous improvement accomplishments,” stated the assessment report. “Without exception, people represented O.C. Tanner as a great place to work, and the assessment team repeatedly saw evidence of a culture that respects people. It was clear that improvement is understood to be an ongoing journey at O.C. Tanner.”

Also being honored as 2016 Excellence Award recipients are Accuride de Mexico, Goodyear Innovation Center – Akron, Littelfuse (Wuxi, China) and MillerCoors Trenton Brewery.

To learn more about the AME Excellence Award and the 2016 recipients, visit [www.ame.org/excellence-awards](http://www.ame.org/excellence-awards).

### **About the Association for Manufacturing Excellence**

The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is the premier not-for-profit organization dedicated to the journey of continuous improvement and enterprise excellence. AME’s membership is composed of a trusted network of volunteers who are committed to leveraging the practitioner-to-practitioner and company-to-company shared-learning experience. Through engaging workshops, plant tours, webinars, summits and industry-leading conferences, AME members are continually discovering and implementing new continuous improvement strategies and best practices. Join AME in leading the “Renaissance of Manufacturing in North America.” For more information, visit [www.ame.org](http://www.ame.org) or email [info@ame.org](mailto:info@ame.org).

### **About O.C. Tanner**

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